

DATE: March 16, 1976

TIME: 7:00 P.M. (19,00 hrs.)

PLACE: Residence of Helmuth, Allentown, Pa.

ATTENDANCE: Board of Directors: Helmuth J. Baerwald  
Rick D. Balmer  
Ken P. Burke  
Edwin H. Ettinger  
Lou Railer  
Ron Seeds

Members: Jeanne Koelle  
Bob Pferning  
Sherry Snow  
Bob Steelman

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Lou Railer, Treasurer, presented a somewhat dismal picture of our financial status. Present operating balance is in the amount of: \$59.64.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Lou Railer, Treasurer, further presented the Budget requests of the various individuals previously instructed to do so. Total maximum requests totalled to the sum of: \$1,218.60; minimum requests were somewhat lower. i.e. \$418.60. Each Board Member was presented with a copy of the Budget as compiled by the Treasurer.

FUND RAISING: In view of the amounts requested under the various categories of Expense, Bob Pferning gave us a somewhat un-optimistic review of our position regarding the feasibility of collecting and/or raising that kind of money. A goal however has been set, in that we will aim for the maximum requested figures in the hopes of attaining at least the minimum. Further discussion centered around the different activities to be programmed in the hopes of coming up with best possible way in pursuing our goal. The following items were mentioned as possible ventures: Bus Trips, Theatre Trips, other Social Activities, Auctions, Bake Sales, Art Show, White Elephant Sale, Yard Sale, Concert in conjunction w. Art Show, etc. etc.

NEWSLETTER: It was suggested, put to a vote, and unanimously passed by the Board, that a (Solicitation letter) Fund Raising Letter, be drafted by the Fund Raising Coordinator, Bob Pferning for insertion with the next Newsletter. Contents of the letter to be approved by the Board at our next General Meeting, March 28, 1976. It was further discussed that possibly we would write personal letters to individuals more apt to contribute rather than xerox copies and/or form letters. Edwin H. Ettinger stated various ways in which he is involved in raising monies for the Unitarian Church - other ideas presented: Patches, Raffles and ad infinitum.

GENERAL MEETING: The March Program for the General Meeting was to have featured Elaine Lafferty. Ken P. Burke informed us that due to our unfortunate financial situation, plus also Elaine's inability to schedule us for that date, this program would have to be postponed until the April General Meeting.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES: Since Bob Steelman did such a tremendous job in writing up the Editorial in the last Newsletter "Where they stand" he was asked to write up another article, this one on the Senatorial candidates. His write up on the Presidential candidates received several congratulatory comments.



YELLOW PAGES: Ken P. Burke requested members of the Board to submit information for the LE-HI-HO Yellow pages; information contained therein should be useful to all members of the organization. Information should be presented to the Board for review prior to the next Board Meeting.

SHAPP ENDORSEMENT: It was brought to our attention that Mark Segal had apparently submitted the name of LE-HI-HO as endorsing Gov. Shapp for President to the Boston Gay News. Since the Board had previously stated that it would not endorse any candidate for office; it was strongly recommended that a letter be sent to the Boston Gay News, with a cc to Mark Segal, expressing our dismay and displeasure. It was further suggested that a letter be sent to Mark Segal chastising him for his part in this cheap political ploy. The Board voted unanimously in favor of sending a letter to the Newspaper with a cc going to Mark Segal; the Board voted against sending a separate letter to Mark Segal (2 yes - 4 No).

RURAL CAUCUS: Ken Burke informed the Board that it was our turn to host the Rural Caucus Meeting of July 10, 1976 at 2:00 P.M.; the Board concurred.

CORRESPONDENCE: It was suggested that Kevin Smith of G.C.S. Reading be sent a letter expressing our dismay at some of the items mentioned in a recent newspaper interview in Reading.

COFFEE HOUSE: The availability of space, age requirements etc. were some of the aspects of this project which were discussed. The Board voted unanimously to table this venture until the Fall.

ADVOCATE QUESTIONNAIRE: A questionnaire was received by the organization from the Gay newspaper "The Advocate"; several rumors were circulating in the Gay community that this information was going to be utilized against the Gay community. The Board voted unanimously to request Ron Seeds to fill out the questionnaire answering those items pertinent and leaving blank those items not so.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET (Questions about Homosexuality): Ken approached the Board with a request to revise the present Question and Answer Sheet into a pamphlet form. It was reminded that this item was not one requested in the Budget and therefore should be tabled until such time as there are funds available.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Rick informed the Board that firm dates had now been set for the following Speaking Engagements: "Social Relations Class" (Lehigh University) for March 31, 1976 from 1:10 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. - it was thought wise considering the attendance (80) of this class that a audience and panel type situation be created; possible use of the film strips was discussed. Tentative panelists: Helmuth, Ken, Lou. School of Religion, Monday May 17, 1976. A panel of a maximum of two members of LE-HI-HO was requested. On the panel will be several clergymen as well as Dr. Seckinger of the Correlative Educational Therapy Clinic. Helmuth and Ken volunteered to be on the panel; as many as wish may be in the audience. Panel will be held at the New Asbury Methodist Church in South Whitehall from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. the following subjects will be discussed: Ordination of Women, Euthanasia, Homosexuality. A brief speech of approx. 15 minutes should precede our panel.

APPOINTMENTS WITH MAYORS OF ALLENTOWN, BETHLEHEM AND EASTON: Ken Burke informed the Board that he had tried to set up appointments with the above to discuss our civil rights in those cities; the results of his initiative were as follows: Mayor Dadorna referred him to the Human Relations Board, Mayor Mowrer has not been available, Mayor Schultz is presently vacationing in Florida.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Edwin H. Ettinger has agreed to host the next Board meeting at his residence on Tuesday April 13, 1976 at 7:00 P.M.

MARCH GENERAL MEETING: Ken Burke informed the Board that the March General Meeting would be primarily a social event.

Respectfully submitted by: Helmuth J. Baerwald, Secretary - - March 23, 1976